

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4580  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: ENRG, IR, SA  
SUBJECT: BRITISH REPORT ON SAUDI OIL POLICY

1. DURING CALL AT FCO BY VISITING TEHRAN POLITICAL  
COUNSELOR LAMBRAKIS MAY 27, FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPT HEAD  
LUCAS TOLD US THAT, IN COURSE OF HIGH-LEVEL SAUDI  
DISCUSSIONS AT DOWNING STREET ON MAY 22, SAUDI MINISTER  
OF FINANCE HAD TOLD UK CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER  
THAT SAUDIS WOULD ALLOW PRICE OF THEIR OIL TO CREEP UP  
IN LATTER PART OF 1977 A FEW MORE PERCENTAGE POINTS TO  
REACH OVERALL RISE OF PROBABLY 7 OR 8 PERCENT. THIS  
WAS IN RESPONSE TO EFFORTS OF VENEZUELA'S PRESIDENT  
PEREZ.

2. LUCAS WAS NOT AWARE THAT THIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN  
PASSED TO USG IN ANY OTHER WAY, NOR WAS HE IN POSITION  
TO EVALUATE IT.

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3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, FCO ENERGY DEPT HEAD  
HANNAY TENDED TO DISCOUNT FINANCE MINISTER.S REMARKS  
SINCE HE WAS NOT INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN SAUDI DECISION-  
MAKING ON OIL PRICE POLICY.

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